

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this email with regard to the Local Plan 2040, whereby several areas across Upper Clatford which could see the development of upward of 100 houses in many of our green spaces.

Village Roads

- The roads have a lot of street parking which make it difficult to negotiate through the village. This increases during school drop of and pick up times. Increasing the number of houses would increase the number of vehicles on the road, making even more unsafe for our most vulnerable – Particularly for children and the elderly.

local amenities

- The village does not have many local facilities and where shop located have either limit or no parking at all. Thus, making it already difficult for locals to obtain groceries without travelling outside the village.
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Travel

- One of our closes villages is Goodworth Clatford. It is possible to travel to via foot, but it means walking on an unlit road with traffic approach at 40mph (or more). An increase in traffic would make this Road extremely dangerous, as no lighting or footpaths. The route to this village is not safe or suitable for our more vulnerable road users.
- To allow safe access to the facilities, cycle path and footpaths need to be delivered before neighbouring villages can be consider accessible to all within our community.

Environment

- The destruction/ clearing of these green spaces for development would have a massive environmental impact. As once these areas are lost, the natural habitat around has been destroyed. Even planting more trees elsewhere would not be a solution as it would take several years for wildlife to develop within any new areas.
- These areas also preserve our village identity and encourages a vast range of biodiversity within those areas.
- With fewer green spaces it is important to protect areas of land for the wildlife that it supports.
- The wildlife within these areas is captivating and mesmerising, with residence not just from our village but from all around the Andover to that are supporting, watching, walking, photographing, and learning about this biodiversity that we have in our community.

- The increase of housing in this area will not be just damaging to the wildlife, but will increase noise pollution. These local gaps provide a buffer from the traffic on the A303. The removal of the local gap will reduce the desirability of the area.
- Another consideration is the recent sewage discharge - something which, without the necessary infrastructure being put in place prior to any development, will occur more often to the detriment of our clear waterways.
- The thought of losing or changing this green area seems short-sighted and against the current international drive to protect wild spaces for our future generations.
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Overall, I believe that we have been inappropriately placed in Tier 3 and, given the lack of public infrastructure, the village will struggle to support an increase of residents without significant investment and should therefore be placed in Tier 4.

Whilst I appreciate there is a demand for more homes, I do not feel it should be at the sacrifice of our green spaces which house a plethora of flora and fauna which, to me, make this little village our home.

I hope that the above is taken into consideration when deciding on the future of my home.

Kind regards,
Stephen Taylor

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